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SJC TAKES PART IN ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

by Bree Ma'Ayteh

Editor's Notes

Thursday, Oct. 28: "Tarzan" at 9 PM in the Science Building

Saturday, Oct. 30: Little Sibs Weekend-Blizzard of Bucks at 5 PM

Sunday, Oct. 31: Halloween!

Monday, Nov. 1: All Saints' Day

Tuesday, Nov. 2: All Souls' Day

Wednesday, Nov. 3: Last Day for Course Withdrawals

Monday, Nov. 9: Registration for Term 992 opens in the Ballroom

Last week, starting on October 18 and lasting until the 22nd, Saint Joseph's College participated in Alcohol Awareness Week. Nationally recognized by various schools across the country, Alcohol Awareness Week's purpose is to inform students about the dangers of drinking, the consequences that can happen if one doesn't drink responsibly, and to show that there are fun activities to get involved in that don't involve alcohol.

The Week took off on Monday with a silent auction. The point was simple; SJC faculty and staff were asked to donate "prizes." Some of these "prizes" included things like baked goods and a dozen roses. The bidding started at one



photo by Sean Egan

THE MOCK CAR ACCIDENT, showing the consequences of not drinking responsibly, took place in front of Gallagher Hall on Monday, October 11th as a part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

dollar, and the prize went to the highest bidder.

More importantly, Monday was also the day that the "Mock Drunk Driving Accident" was staged. This took place at the Gallagher intersection at five o'clock, where Shawn Roser, Theresa Krienbrink, and Craig Phipps were the "victims" of a car accident. Two ambulances from Steinke's Ambulance Service, a fire truck from the Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department and a helicopter from Parkview Samaritan Hospital Crew participated in the event.

There was a K-9 demonstration in front of Halleck center during dinnertime on Tuesday, and Cup O' Joe had a euchre/spades tournament. Wednesday and Thursday's activities were a little more light-hearted, with Bowling Night at Strikezone, and roller-skating at Bazz's Roller Rink. All money raised during the week went to a Rensselaer charity.

The week ended on Friday with an "Eighties' Explosion Dance" outside of Core XI, where students came decked out in their best '80's attire; prizes were given out for categories such as "Best Dressed".

Stacey Lazenby, Director of Student

Activities and Andrea Reusser co-director of Campus Life were the two people in charge of Alcohol Awareness Week. Lazenby thought the activities played an important part for the week: "I wanted more active, fun things to do, instead of just having speeches, so that the students get involved."

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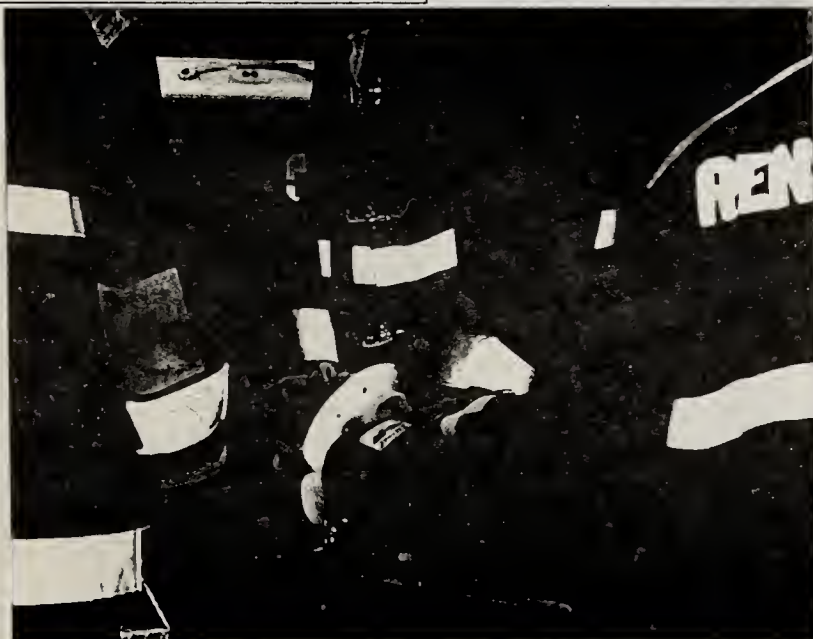


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CRAIG PHIPPS IS pulled out of the mangled car and carefully placed on a stretcher at the mock drunk driving accident. Phipps played an injured passenger in the Alcohol Awareness Week drama.

The First Step

by Maura Giles

It's a fact that very few students have expressed their opinions in *The Observer* this year. This newspaper is designed for your use. Its purpose is to keep you informed and aware of what's going on around you. Come on people, it's free!

It distresses me to think about how many people I hear everyday discussing what's good and bad about Saint Joe. If you don't make your opinions known, you'll just have to continue to wander about campus complaining. (Which, in no way helps make room for improvements.)

It seems to me that the majority of students at Saint Joe that complain are the ones who are not trying to make this college a better place. There are many things for students to do around campus, it's just a matter of finding out what is happening. Ah! That's where your campus paper comes in.

As a matter of fact, you don't even have to read the paper. Just look at the front page! There's a little box that contains upcoming events. And it's not like the paper is inaccessible. There are always papers in the cafeteria, the Hub, the library, and sometimes even in the Core lounge.

I'm so tired of hearing people complain and not acting on it. (That's why I'm writing a letter.) I like to think that some people read *The Observer*. I also like to think that in reading the paper, it makes people think... and act.

In expressing your opinions in this paper, you might discover that someone feels the same way you do and wants something to change. Also in expressing your opinions in this paper, someone who can resolve your complaint might not even realize there was a problem.

We can't all be mind readers. And we can't all complain and not act. Someone always has to take the first step. So I urge you to take the first step by voicing your opinion.

If you have an opinion you would like to express in *The Observer* please send it via e-mail to Maura Giles, Opinion Editor (mge2614@saintjoe.edu).

Letter From the Editor

Does anybody know what the Student Senate is doing? I sure as heck don't. Somebody mentioned recently that student government elections would be held sometime in the coming months, so I e-mailed Jill Hrobsky, president of the Student Association, several times, with no luck, and then I e-mailed the entire senate, also with no luck. Now unless the Senate has banned technology for some reason, I think they're ignoring me.

It occurs to me that *The Observer* has never, as far as I know, presented the candidates for student government, or even announced elections. At first I thought it was a gross oversight on our part, but I am beginning to believe that the Senate has overlooked a powerful resource. *The Observer* might not be the greatest paper in the world, but I do think, with a little cooperation from the Senate, we could be addressing more of the issues that really matter to the students. It might even be possible to bridge the gap between the everyday student and our student representation. I'm not saying that the Senate is purposely ignoring me or that they have secrets to keep. As a matter of fact, I think, overall, our representatives work really hard to listen to students and to do what the students want. I know they're busy - heck, I'm busy and I'm not running student government - but I think that a little

planning and cooperation could improve both student government and *The Observer*.

I can't speak for everyone, but I've never really felt informed concerning student government choices. At most I have one person come up to me asking for a preliminary signature and usually they don't talk about what their campaign platform is or what they hope to accomplish. I feel like I'm stabbing in the dark when voting and most of the time.

If *The Observer* could run something on the candidates for the election, I think it would do three things; first, it would let everyone know when elections will be held and where, second, it would inform the voting students who the candidates are and who hopes to accomplish what, and finally, it would even encourage students to run for these positions.

The Senate should be one of the first places people turn when a problem arises. The same goes for *The Observer*, though. We haven't received an unsolicited letter to the editor at all this year. The only way to change this behavior, I think, is to let the students know that they can make a difference; by letting their opinion be heard or by making an educated decision on Election Day.

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The Observer also reserves the right not to print letters found to violate applicable policies.

Top 10 Least Popular Halloween Candies



10. Animal Crackers with all of the heads bitten off
9. Hershey French Kisses
8. Chocolate covered Spam on a stick
7. Tootsie Moles
6. Impeach Mints
5. ScarBurst
4. Rhesus Peanut Butter Cups
3. Chocolate covered aunts
2. Candied Corns
1. Feces Pieces



SJC MAKES TIME FOR BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT

by Sara Post

Sometimes we all need a break and some peace and quiet to get ourselves back on track. But between, studies, friends, and meetings time can fall just a little short. For the first time this year, a retreat designed especially for the busy college student's schedule was introduced to St. Joseph's College.

Father Ray Zarate, new to SJC this year, was asked by Brother Tim Hemm to begin a "Busy Person's Retreat." With his training in retreat work, Fr. Zarate was more than happy to comply.

"There are retreats for everyone and everything," explained Father Zarate. "They are designed to intensify our feelings, reinvigorate and

get us back in tune. Anyone can benefit, all you need is a willing spirit."

Unlike other retreats, the "Busy Person's Retreat" was all done on campus. This allowed the students who were unable to attend off campus all weekend retreats, because of athletic events or the need to study, to participate. The retreat, which

began October 17th and continued through Thursday the 21st, challenged the participants (of any christian stance) to study or read

scripture for a half-hour each day. When this half-hour took place was totally up to the students. After reading and reflecting upon the scripture, they spent another half-hour discussing their reading and personal reflections upon the scripture with either Father Zarate, Father Tim McFarland, Brother Tim, Father Jim Challincin or Father Denny Kinderman, who all served as retreat leaders.

Sophomore Megan Taylor, a participant of the retreat, felt she learned from her experience. "Most

retreats that you attend, when its over its over. This retreat actually showed you how to make scripture a part of you life, how to find the time."

Father Zarate felt the retreat was important because it aided the participants in realizing that they can integrate scripture and prayer into their lives, even with their busy schedules. "People are spiritual beings, and we need to help them get comfortable with their spirituality."

Father Zarate also wishes to hold another "Busy Person's Retreat" in the future, and wants to set up a similar retreat for the athletes of SJC. "Athletes are challenged intellectually in class, and physically on the field. They need to be challenged spiritually as well."

"This retreat actually showed you how to make scripture a part of your life."
-Megan Taylor

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

by Nick Schafer

On October 23, Alpha Lambda Delta welcomed 46 sophomores into its membership in an induction ceremony that took place at one o'clock in the Ballroom. Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) is a nation-wide society that is designed to honor the academic excellence of students during the first year of college. Once inducted, the members are part of the organization for life. Founded in 1924 at the University of Illinois, ALD was originally a society established to honor freshmen women at the U of I, but expanded to a national level in 1927 with chapters at the Universities Purdue and Depauw. Here at St. Joseph's, a student qualifies with a

3.5 cumulative grade point average at the end of their freshman year.

Faculty Advisor and Dean of Freshman Marge McIlwain commented on the groups' importance when she said, "It's a great group to be in because they are most of the top notch students, and are highly motivated to make a difference."

The induction ceremony was headed by McIlwain and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. David Chattin.

The new ALD officers were also

initiated into office: President Blaire Henley, Vice President Lori Beth Carey, Secretary Sara Post, Treasurer Kristopher Krouse, and Historian Tina Carroll. Along with the new members and officers, several members of the SJC faculty were awarded honorary memberships. They are: Fred Berger,

Brian Capouch, Robert Garrity, John Groppe Sr., Judy Kanne, Fr. Tim McFarland C.P.P.S., Margery McIlwain, Gwyn Skrobul, and Peter Watkins.

Congratulations to all newly initiated students and faculty!

"[They] are highly motivated to make a difference."

Marge McIlwain, Dean of Freshmen

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The Life of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo: Feast Day October 21

Gaspar del Bufalo was born in Rome on January 6, 1786. His preaching earned him the titles "Apostle of the Brigands" and "Hammer of the Sec-tarians." Gaspar was ordained a priest on July 31, 1808. In 1810, Gaspar was convicted for his refusal to pledge his allegiance to the emporer of Rome, and was sentenced four years in prison. After his release in 1814, Gaspar returned to Rome and began his mission as Apostle of the Precious Blood.

Gaspar founded the Congregation of Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Giano, Italy, on August 15, 1815. Gaspar died on December 28, 1837. He was canonized a saint on June 12, 1954.

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New Beginnings . . .

— by Heather Hagan —

With last Friday's ground breaking ceremony, the new student apartments are no longer a distant plan — they are quickly becoming a reality. That being the case, students are now beginning to wonder just what lies in store when they return next year. Will the apartments be completed? Who will get to live there? And just what will these apartments be like? The Student Affairs department, in conjunction with Campus Life, is currently attempting to formulate answers to these questions and many others.

What is certain at this point is that the apartments are scheduled to be available for occupancy next fall when students return to campus. All other information regarding the apartments is just speculation at this point, according to William Manis, Vice President for Student Affairs. However, Manis also stated that the information being provided to students now, although not concrete by any means, is indicative of the direction that these final decisions will take.

The first question on many students' minds is who will get to live in these apartments. Manis stated that the apart-

ments will be open to full-time SJC juniors and seniors only. While the apartment building itself will be coed, the suites will be single sex only. Groups of five students will live together in these apartments.

There will be a modified lottery system in place, wherein students will assemble their group of five roommates, sign up in advance to indicate an interest in the apartments, and then participate in the lottery. Manis anticipates that the lottery will be held earlier in the year than usual -- possibly sometime in February. Cost for the rooms, according to Manis, will be based on the price of a single room -- currently \$500 extra per semester.

Once the living arrangements are secured, the issue of rules comes into play. As this living situation is quite different from the normal dorm setup, rules will be somewhat different and perhaps more relaxed.

"We want to mimic the outside private apartment concept as much as we can," Manis explained. "But we also want people to realize that with greater privacy comes greater responsibility."

Of course, added responsibility seems a small price to pay for all the

extra amenities residents of the apartments will enjoy. The apartments will be furnished with living room, bedroom and even patio furniture. The apartments contain five bedrooms, two full bathrooms, a kitchenette, a living room, a patio, a utility closet, and two storage closets in addition to those closets provided in the bedrooms. The living room and each bedroom will be equipped for internet access and cable TV. Each apartment controls their own heating and cooling. There will also be a centrally located laundry mat on the first floor of the building.

The goal in building these apartment is not only to give SJC an updated look and provide better housing quality for its students, but also to bring back a sense of community that may be lost in the dorms. Manis said that he would like for the students living in the apartments to form some type of an association that would come together to discuss issues and living arrangements.

"My hope is that this will draw

the senior class back together," Manis said. "I think it's a good opportunity for the seniors to gel as a class and create fond memories of their last year here."



photo by Sean Egan

Manual labor?!? William Manis, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Skip Shannon, President of SJC put their backs into the groundbreaking ceremony. Manis and Shannon were instrumental in planning the new dorm.

SUB activities offer maximum fun for minimum price

— by Tim Hayes —

The Student Union Board started the year at a frantic pace and has not slowed down since. While offering all the usual campus activities, such as comedians, hypnotists, dances and movies, the group has also sponsored a number of off-campus trips which have allowed students to get away from Rensselaer for a while and go out and have some fun.

Recently, SUB sponsored a trip to Chicago for "Ferris Bueller Day." The trip was a day of activities in The Windy City, based on the events in the movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. The group traveled to the Art Institute and Sears Tower, attended a Cub's game, and finally stopped off at the Jenny Jones Show where they got to see Lou Bega perform his hit song "Mambo No. 5."

SUB ventured up north to the Chicago area once again a few weeks later to attend Fright Fest at Six Flags Great America. Fright Fest is a Halloween-themed event at the amusement park with haunted houses and other Halloween-related fun and activities. Of course, along with the fun and play, SUB has also tried to incorporate some culture into their activities. On November 3, the group will be sponsoring a trip to Chicago to attend the Tony award winning musical *Fosse*.

Of course, while on the SUB trips, some interesting things can happen. While in Indianapolis last semester on a trip to see the musical "Rent," the bus driver went the wrong way down a one-way street. However, that was not nearly as exciting as when Student Activities Director Stacey Lazenby nearly got picked up by the police for ticket scalping.

"A few students did not show up for the trip, so I had some extra tickets," Lazenby explained. "I decided to sell these tickets at face value once we arrived at the theater so that my budget did not lose that money."

Lazenby stated that the theater's box office told her she could sell the tickets as long as she did it outside the theater. However, some theater patrons unaware of this situation decided to call the police.

"In order to escape from the police, I decided to go for a walk around the building," said Lazenby. "Well, the police caught up with me and wanted to give me a talk about scalping tickets. I explained that I was not scalping, just selling my extra tickets at face value. The police told me I needed to go off the theater's property to do so. As we were talking, a bystander approached me and said in front of the officers, 'I heard you were selling tickets.' My response was, 'Let's go for a walk.'"

Kairos cancelled due to lack of interest

— by Amanda Grote —

The 27th SJC Kairos retreat, originally scheduled for the weekend of October 28-31, has been cancelled. Traditionally, the Kairos retreat takes place twice a year, once per semester. This is the first time in its history at Saint Joe's that the event has been cancelled.

Due to other events which were scheduled for the same weekend, such as Little Sibs Weekend and several sporting events, few students had signed up to attend Kairos. Brother Tim Hemm and others in charge decided it would be best to cancel the trip for this semester and hope for a better turnout in January.

The word 'Kairos', translated from Greek, means "God's time." The purpose of the retreat is just that -- to spend time reflecting on one's relationship with God. Kairos also presents students with an opportunity to get to know one another in a relaxed, Christian environment. Elizabeth Musick, one of this year's Rectors, said "Kairos was one

of the best experiences of my freshman year because it allowed me to meet new people and gain a deeper understanding of myself."

The four day retreat focuses on four main themes: God in the past, God in the present, God in the future, and developing your relationship with God. Presenters are chosen to give talks to the retreatants about these and other Christian themes. The retreatants are then broken into four groups, each of which contains two leaders. These leaders are typically made up of former Kairos attendees. This year's group is still in need of another leader, if anyone is interested. The Rectors this year are Lizz Musick and Jeremy Hoy. Together with Brother Tim Hemm, they are responsible for organizing the retreat, and making sure everything goes according to plan.

Rather than postponing Kairos

XXVII, Brother Tim and the Rectors have decided to cancel it altogether and begin planning for the next Kairos. Kairos XXVIII will be held in a retreat house located in East Chicago. The dates for the trip are January 27-30. Cost for the retreat is \$35 and includes food and boarding.

Those who have attended the retreat in the past have had very positive experiences and have made friendships that will

last for years to come. When Kairos was first introduced to Saint Joseph's

"If [Kairos] works here, it could really change the institution and Campus Ministry."

- Fr. Ben Berinti

College, Fr. Ben Berinti, campus minister at the time said, "If this works here, it could really change the institution and Campus Ministry." Over the years, Kairos has indeed had an evident impact here at Saint Joe. Elizabeth Musick says, "I encourage everyone to attend at some point during their SJC career."

"Radio Gals" filled with humor, entertainment

— by Melinda Burdan —

Anyone who has a job on this campus knows that you get paid every two weeks. Because of this pay schedule, I am usually broke the first week after payday. This being the situation on October 23, a couple of friends and I decided to take in *Radio Gals*, a musical/comedy presented by the Columbian Players.

In the first act, I found it very difficult to distinguish the exact purpose of the musical, but once I understood exactly where the plot was going, I enjoyed the performance very much. The play is set in 1925 and revolves around a group of singing "radio stars," Miss Hazel Hunt and her Hazlenuts. Hazel has acquired a radio transmitter which enables her to broadcast her show throughout Cedar Ridge, Arkansas (and often quite further than that!). Upon learning of this illegal transmission, Mr. O.B. Abbott, a government inspector, decides to inves-

tigate the group. In the end, he is swayed by the charms of the ladies and after unearthing his hidden musical talent, becomes a Hazelnut himself.

Miss Maple Swindle and Miss Azilee Swindle, played by Maura Giles and Elizabeth Musick, brought a great deal of comedy to *Radio Gals* with their rendition of "Buster, He's a Hot Dog Now." America and Rennabelle Hatch, played by Theresa Richer and Sarah Morningstar, offered a more innocent

tone to the musical, while Amanda Grote, who played Gladys Fritts, brought to life a very emotional character. The rest of the cast, including Hannah Pace, Brienne Hopkins, and Kim Gabryel, who accompanied the vocal musicians on piano and violin, did a wonderful job of entertaining the audience. Overall, I would have to say that the backstage workers, the actor and actresses, and the director, came together to perform a successful production.



The Columbian Players take on radio. Elizabeth Musick, as Miss Azilee Swindle, Maura Giles, as Miss Maple Swindle and Sarah Morningstar, as Rennabelle Hatch, with Hannah Pace and Kim Gabryel, enthusiastically bring the musical *Radio Gals* to life during Sunday's Matinee performance.

photo by Roger Burns

Little Sibs Weekend: an annual favorite

— by Sharra Robertson —

With the coming of Halloween, SJC is preparing for Little Sibs Weekend. An annual event sponsored by SUB, the weekend allows students to give their little brothers and sisters a taste of college life by letting them spend the weekend on campus.

The weekend begins on Friday night with the big screen movie, *Tarzan*, which will be shown in the Science Hall auditorium. The weekend continues on Saturday with the Blizzard of Bucks and a pizza party in the Ballroom. This will be followed by trick-or-treating around campus and then a Rec.Fest in the Rec Center. Sunday concludes the weekend with fun and games in the Halleck North Lounge co-sponsored by SUB and Carebears, an organization that was started to help children in crisis situations.

Carebears is also sponsoring a Fall Festival for the children in the Rensselaer area this weekend. The organization wants to offer a sense of security to children in times of need by giving the child a care packet. Items in the care packets include literature for the parents to read as well as a stuffed animal. Carebears also offers 24 hour emergency shelter to those in need.

Prices for Little Sibs Weekend vary according to the age of the children attending, but the cost can be charged to the student's account. Registration will be held on Friday evening from 5-6:30 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Little Sibs Weekend is an annual tradition that both students and their siblings look forward to each year. Having it occur on Halloween weekend this year adds a new twist to an old favorite. According to Elizabeth Musick, one of the directors for the weekend, "Having Little Sibs Weekend on Halloween provides a safer environment for kids to trick-or-treat. It keeps them off the street."

Cross Country Competes at GLVC Meet

by Clark Teuscher

Once again battling adverse weather conditions, the Saint Joseph's College men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Cross Country Championships, held October 23rd and hosted by the University of Indianapolis. Both teams struggled, with the men finishing sixth and the women eighth out of a field of nine teams.

The Pumas arrived at the course Saturday morning greeted by 40-degree temperatures and 15 to 25 mile-per-hour winds. While the teams seemed to be able to deal with the elements, sub-par performances in both races left the St. Joseph's runners grasping for explanations.

Said Puma sophomore Matt Stout, "My legs felt fine, and I never felt like I went into oxygen debt. I just felt like I couldn't move any faster."

No one in the men's field, however, could move faster than Lewis' Colin Jones, who claimed first-place individual honors, averaging five minutes and eleven seconds per mile on his way to finishing the 10,000-meter course in 32:24.

Lewis also claimed first place in the team standings, placing four runners in the top ten and totaling 28 points, outdistancing Southern Indiana's score of 46. The Pumas finished with a final score of 169.

Individual finishers for St. Joseph's were Jared Weller in 23rd place with a time of 34:27, Stout (29th, 34:57), Dan Westphal (31st, 35:02), Tim Newman (43rd, 35:31), Kevin Moeller (47th, 35:57), Ben Zimmer (68th, 37:35), and Derek Serna (70th, 37:44).

In the women's race, Lewis claimed another individual title, with Marianna Vidovic taking the championship by clocking 22:03 for the 6,000-meter course. Southern Indiana prevented a clean sweep of the titles, however, scoring 43 points to take first place over Wisconsin-Parkside's total of 58. The Pumas finished with 186 points.

The Lady Pumas' first finisher was Maria Toledo, who ended up 27th in 24:15. Other St. Joseph's finishers were Holly Ann Stefaniak (41st, 24:48), Sarah Flory (48th, 25:23), Darci Ramirez (49th, 25:24), Dani Ramirez (56th, 25:32), Shana Wyatt (58th, 25:34), and Teresa Gaura (66th, 26:13).

Puma head coach Bill Massoels had his ideas about the reasons for the lethargic performance: "I know it's not a physical problem, because we can put it together in practice. Mentally, we just can't convert what we do in practice into our races."

The St. Joseph's harriers will have two weeks to regroup before heading to Missouri Southern University for the Great Lakes Regional Championships, which will be held on November 6th. This meet will determine the region's entrants to the national championships.

Athletics Under New Administration

Recently, the Saint Joseph's College Athletic Department saw new appointments to the positions of Athletic Director and Associate Athletic Director. Former Associate Athletic Director Bill Massoels was named the new Athletic Director, while women's soccer coach Camie Bechtold was promoted to Associate Athletic Director.

Massoels had served as Associate Athletic Director since 1997 and has been employed at St. Joseph's College since 1990, in the offices of Sports Information Director, NCAA Compliance Officer, and Professor, as well as Head Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track and Field Coach. Massoels will continue to coach both sports while he is the Athletic Director.

Massoels replaced Marty Smith, who resigned in order to accept the position of Director of Development at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas.

Taking over for Massoels as Associate Athletic Director is Bechtold, who, in addition to coach-

ing women's soccer, which she started this year, is also Assistant Director of the Career Center and a Freshman Advisor at St. Joseph's. Before being hired at St. Joseph's, Bechtold was the Director of Grants and Resources and Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at Quincy University.

The majority of Bechtold's duties as Assistant Athletic Director will be in the areas of NCAA compliance, fundraising, public relations and game day operations.

Massoels has already begun work as Athletic Director, while Bechtold will assume her new role November 4th.

High Hopes for Women's Hoops

by Matt Stout

The Saint Joseph's College women's basketball team is set to begin the 1999-2000 season. This year the team is looking to improve on a somewhat disappointing season last year.

"Disappointing is maybe an overstatement in the sense that we ended up 15-11 which is not bad," said Lady Puma head coach Lynn Plett. The team only graduated one senior from the team last season, and has added six new freshmen to the squad. "If we're opportunistic then we have a good chance to be contenders for the conference championship," said Plett of his team.

A major plus for the Pumas is the return of senior forward Angie Hupfer, who led all divisions of the NCAA in scoring last season. She was also recently named Division II Bulletin Preseason Player of the Year.

Along with Hupfer, Coach Plett is looking for two other seniors to really lead the team this season. "Last year actually three players that were probably the most consistent players all year long. Angie Hupfer, Tamara Bumpers, and Dawn Harvey were our most efficient players on the court," said Plett.

The team will also be looking to a few of the freshmen for major support this season. "I think there's three or four in particular that have stood out in the first couple of days."

The women will start their season on November 19 at home against Northwood University.

BELOW: TAMARA BUMPERS AND the Lady Puma basketball team will begin their quest for a GLVC championship November 19th.



Upcoming SJC Athletic Events

Friday, October 29th

Volleyball at Indianapolis, 7:00pm

Saturday, October 30th

Football vs. New Haven, 12:00pm

Women's Soccer vs. North Dakota State, 1:00pm

Men's Soccer at Saginaw Valley State, 1:00pm

Volleyball at SIU-Edwardsville, 2:00pm

Wednesday, November 3rd

Volleyball vs. Olivet Nazarene, 7:00pm

Men's and Women's Soccer at GLVC Tournament Thru November 7th, Site and Time TBA

Friday, November 5th

Volleyball at Lewis, 7:00pm

Lady Linksters Finish Season

by Tommy Weaver

On September 26th the Saint Joseph's Lady Puma golfers began play in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. This year's tournament was held in Plainfield, Indiana, at the Oak Tree Golf Course. The tournament was a two round affair with a par of 72 and a tournament par of 144.

This year's Pumas went into the tournament with high hopes of finishing in the top five, but came up a little short of the hole. The team was led by senior Kristi Flick, who shot a team low 175, or 31 over par for the tournament, which placed her 19th overall. The team ended up shooting a 744, or 168 over par, which put them in the eighth place spot.

On the season, the team's best finish was by Flick, who finished fourth at the Saint Joseph's Invitational. The team had its best outcome in the Saint Joseph's Invitational and the Grand Valley Tournament, as they finished seventh in both.

The team has made many improvements and plan to get even better with new recruits and better experience from the returning players.

Women's Soccer Has Big Weekend

by Chrissy Scafide

The Saint Joseph's women's soccer team played two important conference matches on the weekend of October 16th and 17th. A pair of impressive performances left them 2-0 for the weekend, defeating Southern Indiana and SIU Edwardsville.

"We finally realized what we needed to do to win," explained Junior Kate Lizzi. "We worked hard all weekend and even when we were tired we worked through it and stayed tough as a team."

The excitement started on Saturday when the Pumas upset the screaming Eagles of the University of Southern Indiana in overtime with a score of 2-1.

The Pumas battled through a scoreless first half and were stunned by a goal from Laura Preske from USI with six minutes left in the second half.

The Pumas refused to back down, and four minutes later, with an assist from junior Cathy Cox, Leslie Hilbert scored her tenth goal of the season.

The tie took the Pumas into overtime where Freshman Lindsay Bridwell scored one minute and twenty-three seconds into the overtime on a breakaway for a Puma victory. This was Bridwell's third goal of the season.

Sophomore goalkeeper Heather Budenz recorded two saves in goal and the Pumas outshot USI 12-10.

The Pumas carried the excitement over to Sunday for their game against SIU Edwardsville. They ended their weekend with a 3-1 victory.

Bridwell struck again as she scored in the second half on an assist from Cox, and again with

29 minutes left an unassisted breakaway. Senior Mary Reid added a third goal to seal the victory for Saint Joseph's.

Sunday was also senior day for the Lady Pumas. At the beginning of the game, seniors Reid, Lori McKinney and Julie Recker stepped out on the field with their parents and were recognized for their achievements throughout their four years of playing soccer at Saint Joseph's.

Senior captain McKinney commented on her soccer experience as a Puma: "I love playing soccer at SJC. The team is such a close knit of friends who pull together on the field to make a great team. As a captain, I am grateful to be given the opportunity to show my leadership."

The women improved to 13-4-1 on the season and 8-3 in the GLVC with a 4-2 win over Missouri-St. Louis and a 2-0 triumph over Quincy.

Their final home game of the season will be Saturday, October 30th against North Dakota State University.

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FANS WILL HAVE one more chance to see the Lady Puma soccer team in action this season.

photo courtesy of Joe Danahey

At the Movies with Don

There are some movies out there that screw with your head - keeping you guessing the whole time until the credits roll. *12 Monkeys*, *The Usual Suspects*, and *Devil's Advocate* immediately come to mind. Director David Fincher is the mastermind behind two more of the best in *Seven* and *The Game*. Both of those carry with them two of the most unexpected surprise endings of any movies ever.

Fincher and Brad Pitt, the star behind *Seven*, his biggest box office success, are back together again in *Fight Club*. This time around Pitt teams with rising star Edward Norton, himself an Oscar nominee from *Primal Fear* in which he played a tortured altar boy and as the ripped neo-Nazi in last year's *American History X*. Together they make for an explosive tandem in a whirlwind of a movie.

Find your Mean Streak with *Fight Club*

by Don Shanahan

Fight Club surrounds the narrating character played by Norton. They never give his real name, but the story is his to tell. He is a cubicle-shackled desk worker who cannot sleep at night, is obsessed with mail-order furniture, and addicted to support groups. He fakes his way through various groups' help sessions dealing with everything from Alcoholics Anonymous to Men Dealing with Testicular Cancer because relieving his pain with the patients' pain seems to be the only way he can get to sleep. Depressed, yet on edge, our protagonist takes a business trip. By pure coincidence this is where he meets Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt), the man who would change everything he knows about himself.

By profession, Durden sells expensive homemade soap (the ingredients of which are so shocking in humor that I cannot tell you here), but to our hero, he is everything our main character wants to be. Tyler is brash, good-looking, cocky, says what he wants, does what he wants, and not afraid of any risk or challenge. Soon after meeting, they form a competitive bond.

In their eyes, society has brain-

washed their generation into thinking they would be great and remembered, yet they are forgotten and spurned. To take out their frustrations and free themselves they, along with other workaholics, start beating each other to a bloody pulp in a secret underground fraternity they call "Fight Club." These men come together to free themselves from that oppressive society and Tyler is their leader. Their ranks grow quickly all over the city, and soon, all over the country all in the name of "Fight Club" and Tyler Durden. The fighting grows to vandalism, burglary, anarchy, and even terrorism. It becomes too much for our narrator and a clash of wills between he and Tyler ensues. Will it stop or is this just the beginning?

One word describes *Fight Club*, and that word is "crazy." It is not a movie for the weak-hearted or the weak-stomached. This is a very political movie that pushes buttons with everything that would offend society in general. It is kinetic, darkly stylish, and incredibly feral and violent. For that, I found it almost intoxicatingly interesting to watch.

At some point in everyone's lives, they have felt the way the narrator feels. Everyone has thought about just snapping and letting go. Everyone, no matter how nice they are, has a "mean streak." *Fight Club* is a movie that shows a moral person's mean streak in action. It is wild and even scary.

I see a woman falling
I am alone, no one else is here
to catch her
My arms are outstretched
I see a woman falling
She rips at the air with clawed
hands
She desperately wants to hang
on

I see a woman fallin
She sees me now
Still she grasps for a lifeline
only she can see
She's hanging on

John Kouba

Falling

I can see something falling
Can't tell what it is
The shape appears human
I can see someone falling
Can't tell if it's man or woman
A faint noise, growing louder
I see someone falling
The noise is screaming
The shape grows larger, the
screams louder
I see someone falling

I see someone falling
The human's features are
becoming defined
It's falling faster, it's a woman
I see a woman falling
I can see her clearly now
The screams are getting louder
I see a woman falling
Her arms are thrashing the air
She tries to hold on...to what?
I see a woman falling

My Turn At the Deathbed

Standing, I watch her sleep,
Her heavy chest laboring to move,
The rasping, decay-filled snores
Echoing in my tormented mind.
Would it be better if she died?

Lisa Phillips

First Kiss

It was a night like no other night
could be
I fondly recall the memory.
The smell of the woods, the feel of
the breeze,
And who could forget my knocking
knees?
I was so scared; nervous as could
be.
All alone, just him and me.
Palms all sweaty, minds became
blank.
Possibly because his breath was
rank.
Slowly his lips drew near mine
As icy shivers ran down my spine.
So quiet I stayed as our mouths
became one,
Desperately hoping it would soon
be done.
Awkwardly our two lips moved
around
While making that ever-present
sucking sound.
Uneasily our lips did separate
While I prayed he couldn't taste
what I just ate.
Innocently we both smiled, in less
than bliss.
Well, I guess it wasn't so bad for
a very first kiss.

Crysta Hildebrand

Halloween Haiku

Old rotten pumpkins

Smashed on

Old Man Farley's porch:

My friends and I laugh



Maura Giles



Get Well Soon!

The Observer Staff would
like to wish Professor
Charles Kerlin, our fearless
leader, a speedy recovery, even
though we're all sure he's too
cantankerous to stay sick long!
Professor Kerlin - Your
efforts are appreciated and
your presence is missed!